

Remarks

Claims 16 - 20, 23 - 25, and 31 - 46 are pending. Claims 31 - 46 have been allowed. claims 23 - 30 had been objected to. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 and its dependent claims, including claims 23 - 25, have been amended to recite that the R² linking group is a triazinyl radical, which may be substituted or unsubstituted, support for which may be found on page 11, lines 2 - 9 (¶0038 of the published application), and that the sum of a+b+c+d is ≤ 3 , the subject matter of former claim 22. These amendments are for the purpose of particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming preferred embodiments of Applicants cyclodextrin-containing compounds. Of course, the compounds may also include cyclodextrins not linked via triazinyl radicals, but must contain at least one triazinyl-linked CD. The limitation of the sum of a+b+c+d eliminates silanes (sum = 4) from the claimed compounds, which are thus all silicones (siloxanes). The dependent claims have been amended to make them compatible with claim 16 as amended. Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to recite (claim 24) that the triazine is unsubstituted, while claim 25 requires it to be substituted by preferred substituents. Claim 31 has been amended to correct a grammatical deficiency. None of the amendments raise any issue of new matter.

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶2. In view of the amendment to claims 16 and 20, withdrawal of this rejection is solicited.

Claims 16 - 20 and 22 had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent 5,403,898 and over the Shen et al. "TALANTA" article. In view of the amendment to claim 16 requiring the CD-linking group to be a triazinyl radical, withdrawal of these rejections is solicited, as neither reference discloses, nor do either reference teach or suggest triazinylene linkages.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for Allowance, and respectfully request a Notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that further discussion will advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is highly encouraged to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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